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LLIS.gov Resources for Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Exercises

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Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is a US Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency program. *LLIS.gov* serves as the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency response and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps emergency response providers and homeland security officials prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. *LLIS.gov* provides Federal, State, and local responders with a wealth of information and front-line expertise on effective planning, training, and operational practices across homeland security functional areas.

LLIS.gov at a Glance

- Online since April 19, 2004
- Over 50,000 registered members
- Over 14,000 documents, including more than 1,700 state and local plans, 700 after-action reports, and 900 original content documents
- Secure message boards and collaboration tools
- Targeted information on current homeland security topics

Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans

Tactical Interoperable Communications is the rapid provision of on-scene, incident based mission critical voice communications among all first responder agencies. In 2006, the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training required 76 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas and other state-designated metropolitan areas to develop and test their Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP) with full-scale exercises.

LLIS.gov has worked closely with FEMA's National Exercise Division, TICP exercise evaluators, and local subject-matter experts to identify lessons learned and innovative initiatives from the 2006 TICP Exercises. This page highlights the full collection of LLIS.gov TICP research and urban areas' TICP exercise after-action reports.

Please read us information about corrective actions that your area has taken as a result of its TICP exercise. Your experiences can help inform the efforts of other emergency management and public safety professionals who are working on similar initiatives in their own areas.

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TICP EXERCISE OBJECTIVES	Related LLIS.gov Resource Pages
1. Evaluate and assess receipt, notification, documentation, and implementation of primary dispatch center protocols to effectively establish and maintain a multi-disciplinary/multi-jurisdictional response to a large-scale incident.	Interoperability <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Interoperable Communications▪ Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP)
2. Assess the ability to identify, establish, and manage necessary communications logistics for a large-scale incident.	Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Exercise Planning and Program Management▪ Homeland Security Exercises and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)▪ Training and Exercises
3. Verify establishment of Incident Command and collaboration of necessary unified incident management components to effectively communicate with all responding agencies.	TICP Exercise After-Action Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ American Samoa Government TICP Full-Scale Exercise AAR▪ Anchorage (AK) Targeted Integrated Communication to Achieve Complete Tactical Operational Excellence (TIC TAC TOE) Full-Scale Exercise AAR and Improvement
4. Evaluate the Communications Unit Leader's ability to implement necessary components and actions in accordance with his/her TICP.	
5. Verify inventory, functionality, maintenance, and technological support of communications.	

TACTICAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PLANS PAGE

The *LLIS.gov* Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP) page focuses on TICP exercises at all levels of government. The page offers a one-stop resource for information related to exercise after-action reports, exercise design/planning, and innovative initiatives. Features of the page include:

- A list of TICP exercise objectives;
- Communications protocols lessons learned;
- Communications unit leader lessons learned;
- Exercise design and planning;
- Incident Command/Unified Command lessons learned;
- Innovative initiatives; and
- TICP exercise after-action reports.

TCIP-RELATED DOCUMENTS ON LLIS.GOV

The *LLIS.gov* Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans page features a searchable directory of TICP-related after-action reports, original *LLIS.gov* research documents, and other documents, including:

- American Samoa Government TICP Full-Scale Exercise After-Action Report
- Atlanta Urban Area TICP Full-Scale Exercise After-Action Report/Improvement Plan
- Columbus (OH) Urban Area Red, White, and Boom After-Action Report/Improvement Plan
- Creating TICP Course Outlines and Lesson Plans for Staff (Lesson Learned)
- Exercise Design: Omaha, Nebraska's Oral Quiz Exercise (Practice Note)
- Exercise Planning: Developing a Timeline for Submission of Incident Action Plans (Lessons Learned)
- FREEDOM NET After-Action Report: Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Evaluation
- Incident Management: Announcing the Communications Unit Leader to All Personnel (Lesson Learned)
- Interoperable Communications: Louisville/Jefferson County's MetroSafe Communications System

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